IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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METHOD OF ELECTROPLATING TUBULAR BENT WORKPIECE AND AUXILIARY ANODE ELEMENT SUITABLE FOR USE THEREIN



Docket No. 00998/Z7041DBA

Group Art Unit 1741

Examiner W. Leader

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 1, 1999, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Title:

Kindly rewrite the title as follows:

--AN AUXILIARY ANODE ELEMENT SUITABLE FOR USE IN ELECTROPLATING A BENT TUBULAR WORKPIECE--.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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